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1. The headquarters of the Central and South China Naval Command is now located at Canton. FANG Ch'iang (方介堪), former (sic) commander of the 44 Army, 4 Field Army, is the commanding officer. The official designation of the Central and South China Military Area's Navy is the "6 Naval Fleet of the Chinese Peoples' Liberation Force" which is sometimes shortened to the "Peoples' 6 Naval Fleet." This organization is often referred to as the "1 Naval Fleet of the Central and South China Military Area."

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2. This fleet was organized [redacted] from the Swatow Coastal Defense Corps and the Pearl River Defense Corps. [redacted] it was divided into four ta tui (大隊) located as follows:

- a. The 1 Ta Tui (Pearl River Defense) - Pearl River Delta area.

- b. The 2 Ta Tui - Swatow and vicinity.

- c. The 3 Ta Tui - Yulin (109-34, 18-13).

- d. The 4 Ta Tui - Ch'inhhsien (108-37, 21-58), Lienchiang (110-16, 21-36) and vicinity.

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3. The fleet does not have any modern naval vessel. It consists of [redacted] gunboats, vessels converted from merchant ships, and a few landing vessels of several hundred tons each. The total number of these ships is approximately 40. In addition this fleet has about 70 auxiliary vessels constructed by the Chinese Communists. These vessels are divided into three classes: 50-ton class, 75-ton class, and 120-ton class.

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